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The attention of our Paris section has been directed to the actual conversations that took place in Paris and the same remains a responsibility that is Foster's. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, be committed to you immediately upon receipt. Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to your letter of 11 June 1947 requesting information on policy matters discussed by Foster and certain members of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party in Paris, I should like to summarize the action taken by this organization on Foster's trip. All stations on Foster's itinerary were alerted during the British Empire Conference with emphasis placed upon Foster's contacts and the content of his conversations with foreign Communist officials at Paris, Belgrade, and Prague.

The first reaction from Paris reported Foster's meeting with Thorez and Duclos on 7 March and a planned meeting for the next day with other members of the Central Committee (this information was distributed to you in DB-1658 on 4 April 1947). No adequate follow-up on this original report was subsequently produced -- a fact to be accounted for primarily by the hesitation of the Surete Nationale, for political reasons, to give Foster's visit adequate investigative attention (as reported to you in DB-4777 of 1 July 1947).

Information on the policy matters discussed at this meeting, however, was included in a report from [redacted] in May (copy enclosed herewith). Although the source of this report did not know precisely what happened at this meeting "because great secrecy was observed," he mentioned several specific topics allegedly under discussion. This report was not forwarded to you since it was assumed the report was handed directly to your London representative by the British.

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Several meetings were held at the  
Council House of the House of Commons  
at the end of March and the first of  
the April. The first meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 1st. The second meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 2nd. The third meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 3rd. The fourth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 4th. The fifth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 5th. The sixth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 6th. The seventh meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 7th. The eighth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 8th. The ninth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 9th. The tenth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 10th. The eleventh meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 11th. The twelfth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 12th. The thirteenth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 13th. The fourteenth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 14th. The fifteenth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 15th. The sixteenth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 16th. The seventeenth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 17th. The eighteenth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 18th. The nineteenth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 19th. The twentieth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 20th. The twenty-first meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 21st. The twenty-second meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 22nd. The twenty-third meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 23rd. The twenty-fourth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 24th. The twenty-fifth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 25th. The twenty-sixth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 26th. The twenty-seventh meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 27th. The twenty-eighth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 28th. The twenty-ninth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 29th. The thirtieth meeting was held  
at the House of Commons, London, on  
April 30th.

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COUNTRY : Italy/Yugoslavia/France/Gt. Britain/USA  
 SUBJECT : William Zebulon FOSTER  
 ORIGIN : (London) 15-1  
 DATE OF INFO : As stated  
 DATE : May 15, 1947

On 15.3.47, our representative in (Rome) <sup>15-9</sup> reported that FOSTER had arrived there on 14.3.47. for a stay of a few days.

On 1.4.47., we heard from (Belgrade) <sup>15-24</sup> that according to local press reports of 25.3.47., FOSTER had left Yugoslavia on 24.3.47. No details were given regarding his destination, but the press report mentioned that he had been accompanied by Tim BUCK, Leader of the Labour Progressive Party of Canada.

A report dated 1.4.47 from (Paris) <sup>15-4</sup> stated that after the British Communist Party Congress in London, several important delegates had arrived in Paris among whom were William Z. FOSTER, Tim BUCK, LAHAUT, Chief of the Belgian Communist Party, who had not been in London, and who arrived direct from Brussels, and Harry POLLITT. At the same time several Communist delegates who had been present at the W.I.D.F. Congress in Prague, had also arrived in Paris, including Nina POPOVA, the U.S.S.R. delegate, as well as delegates from Greece, Brazil, Cuba, and the Viet-Nam. Our source, however, does not know names of any except those mentioned.

Several meetings were held at the Headquarters of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party at 44, rue Le Peletier. At one of these meetings the following were known to have been present:- William FOSTER, Tim BUCK, Dolores IBARRURI, Nina POPOVA, Maurice THOREZ, Andre MARTY, Jacques SUCLOS, MAUVAIS, CACHIN, BERLIOZ, FRACHON, MONMUSSEAU, RAJON, Robert PETIT, and also George WILLIAMS & MICHALOV, Comintern Delegate.

\* John PITMAN, Paris correspondent of the American 'Daily Worker' had acted as interpreter. Although our source does not know much of what happened at this meeting because great secrecy was observed, he states that the meeting was concerned with uniting of world democratic forces against international reaction. In this connection, the French Communist leaders are said to have very much regretted the difficulty of bringing about the union between the American Federation of Labour, and the Congress of Industrial Organizations in the U.S.A.

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"Jacques DUCLOS made a special report emphasizing that this was one of the most important tasks to be carried out by the Communists within the C.I.O.

"Besides the above, the question of Greece and Turkey was discussed, notably the question of boycotting of war materials sent to those countries.

"Finally, the different speakers spoke of the necessity of defending the U.S.S.R. by all possible means.

"Andre MARTY is said to have specially dealt with the question of labour in the colonies, emphasizing the necessity of bringing about unity of action among the blacks, throughout the African Continent, e. g., in French, British and Belgian possessions.

"The above, according to our source, were the principal points which had been studied during the various meetings of Communist chiefs in Paris.

"We understand that all other details about FOSTER's arrival and departure from this country have already been passed to you by [redacted]